

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A multilayered molten resin mass for obtaining a multilayered compression-molded product by compression molding, the multilayered molten resin mass defining a top and a bottom thereof, comprising:

a first resin to form inner layer and outer layer of a molded product; and

a second resin to form an intermediate resin layer embedded within the first resin,

wherein the second resin is of a concave shape with respect to the top side and positioned closer to the bottom than to the top, and

wherein the second resin is shaped such that the following relations are satisfied:

$$Z > y > L,$$

$$1 > d_o/D \geq 0.5, \text{ and}$$

$$t/Z \leq 0.1,$$

wherein Z is a [[total]] length along [[a]]the central axis of the multilayered molten resin mass, y is a length of umbrella part of the second resin, L is a length of central part of the second resin, d_o is a maximum outer diameter of the second resin in direction of circumference, D is an outer diameter of the multilayered molten resin mass in direction of circumference, and t is a distance between a lower end of the multilayered molten resin mass and a lower end of the second resin.

2. (Previously Presented): The multilayered molten resin mass according to claim 1,

wherein a distance from the lower end of the second resin to the bottom of the multilayered molten resin mass is 10% or less of the entire length between the top and the bottom of the multilayered molten resin mass.

3-8. (Cancelled).